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- 1. FOLLOWING IS FYI RE LUCKENS EXCESS BAGGAGE SITUATION AS HE MAY WELL TAKE IT UP WITH BCAO GUAYAQUIL OR CAO QUITO.
- 2. ON SATURDAY NOV. 22 LUCKENS PHONED DEPT, CONTACTED CU DUTY OFFICER WHO CONTACTED WARD WHO TALKED TO LUCKENS. NOW BELIEVE HIS EARLIER STATEMENT THAT NO EXCESS BAGGAGE HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED MAY NOT BE CORRECT, BECAUSE IN THIS CONVERSATION HE SAID 20 KILOS EXCESS HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED BUT HE COULD NOT BELIEVE SO LITTLE WAS BEING PROVIDED IN VIEW OF CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF BOOKS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT HE WAS EXPECTED TO TAKE WITH HIM AND WHICH HE COULD NOT SEND AIR FREIGHT PARTLY BECAUSE OF DANGER OF BREAKAGE, PARTLY BECAUSE HE NEEDS THE MATERIALS IMMEDIATELY. HE THEN SAID HE HAD HAD A CABLE FROM CAO QUITO MENTIONING SOME DOLS 161 FOR EXCESS BAGGAGE RETURN TRIP ONLY. THEN SAID LAST WORD FROM AIRLINES WAS THAT HE HAD UNCLASSIFIED

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A TOTAL OF 40 KILOS EXCESS ROUND-TRIP, I.E. 20 EACH WAY.

WARD TOLD HIM DEPT SOMETIMES SHIPPED BOOKS FOR U.S.

PROFESSORS VIA POUCH BUT NO TIME NOW TO ARRANGE THIS (FYI THEY MUST BE WRAPPED IN PACKAGES NOT EXCEEDING 2 LBS), ESPECIALLY IF HE NEEDED THEM RIGHT AWAY AS POUCH WOULD TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS. ALSO TOLD HIM PROBLEM APPEARED INSOLUBLE IN VIEW APPROACHING TRAVEL DATE AND SUGGESTED IF HE HAD TO TAKE ALL THE BOOKS AND EQUIPMENT WITH HIM, THEN HE COULD KEEP RECEIPT FOR AMOUNT ABOVE THAT AUTHORRIZED AND SEE IF HE COULD BE REIMBURSED. THIS WAS NOT REPEAT NOT A GUARANTEE AND WAS MADE CLEAR PROSPECT WAS NOT GOOD, WAS SIMPLY OFFERED AS SOMETHING HE COULD INVESTIGATE. WISH THIS TO BE CLEAR FOR THE RECORD IN CASE HE SAYS COMMITMENT WAS MADE.

3. LUCKENS SAID WHILE HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE ASSIGNMENT, HE WILL HAVE SPENT ABOUT DOLS 1,000 OF HIS OWN IN CONNECTION WITH THE GRANT. HE NEEDS LOTS OF TLC. INGERSOLL

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